

**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Docket No.

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Re Application Of: **Rashida A. Karmali**

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10/826,083	4/16/2004		000042131	1743	

Title: **Specimen Collecting, Processing and Analytical Assembly**

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37 CFR 1.97(c)

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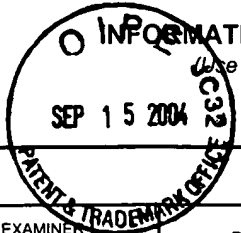
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	B	4,248,973	2/1981	Kallies	435	287.9		
	C	4,299,916	11/1981	Litman et al	435	6		
	D	4,409,988	10/1983	Greenspan	128	759		
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	G	4,580,577	4/1986	O'Brien et al	600	573	
	H	4,582,809	4/1986	Block	436	527	
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K	4,820,399	4/1989	Senda et al	204	403.09	
L	4,900,663	2/1990	Wie et al	435	7.32	
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	Q	5,056,521	10/1991	Parsons et al	600	347	
	R	5,141,850	8/1992	Cole et al	436	525	
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	V	0187167 EPO	7/1986	EPO	B01L	3/02		
	W	WO 8808534	11/1998	WO				
	X	0354704 EPO	7/1989	EPO				
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